



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
3939 DRINKWATER BLVD. – CITY HALL KIVA
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Donn Loper, Chair
John Faramelli
Ron King
Robert Frost

ABSENT: Ronald Petersen

STAFF: Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director
William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director
Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager
Danny Gallegos, Recreation Coordinator of Cactus Park
Walt Johnson, Senior Recreation Coordinator, Chaparral Park
Terri Erickson
Liz Hildenbrand
Mark Lescoe
Christian Mikelson
Sunny Nakagawa
Linda Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:

Eric Swanson, Manager of the Arizona Urban Fishing Program
Charles Blum
Scott Graham

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Loper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Chair Loper, a moment of silence was observed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMISSIONER KING MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2006 MEETING. COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

Ms. Weiss introduced and welcomed new staff members:

- Linda Thompson, Senior Recreation Coordinator, Aquatics.
- Sunny Nakagawa, Recreation Coordinator, McDowell Mountain Ranch Park and Aquatics Center.
- Christian Mickelson, Pool Manager, McDowell Mountain Ranch Park and Aquatics Center.

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT FOR THE URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager, and Eric Swanson, Arizona Game and Fish Department, will review an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the City of Scottsdale. They will discuss the benefits and changes to the renewal of this Agreement.

Ms. Clark reviewed a proposal to renew the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the City of Scottsdale. This Agreement has existed for years. It serves to provide a comprehensive, Urban Fishing Program for the community consisting of public information and educational programs relating to fishing in a lake environment; monitoring of public use and compliance for fishing licenses and bag limits; annual stocking of fish in Chaparral Lake; monitoring of water quality and habitat; and providing periodic lake assessment reports.

Changes to the new Agreement include:

- Four-year term, instead of previous three-year term.
- The fee will increase 10 percent for the 2007 fiscal year and 20 percent for the remaining three years. Most of this increase is related to providing the fish and management services.
- The Agreement will provide a potential avenue for grant funds that might become available; i.e., allowing grant funds to be passed through to the City without an additional agreement.

Ms. Clark provided a written report to the Commission consisting of the Urban Fishing Report for Scottsdale for 2005 and survey results. Chaparral Lake was under construction during this time; therefore, the attendance rate and economic impact should be significantly higher in the next fiscal year. The Urban Fishing Program provides positive benefits for a diversity of anglers in Scottsdale and helps to provide convenient, affordable, and accessible recreational fishing to the community.

Mr. Swanson stated that the Urban Fishing Program was a partnership between the Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department and the Arizona Game and Fish Department. There are currently 20 waters in the Program statewide, in 11 different cities. Scottsdale is one of the original charter members. The Program has been very well received and appreciated.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Mr. Swanson replied that McKellips Lake is no longer stocked because of water quality concern. The Department of Environmental Quality determined that there were some components in the water that made consumption of those fish undesirable. Mr. Swanson stated that he did not have knowledge of the current status of recent water testing at McKellips Lake. He hopes the Lake will be re-stocked in the near future.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Mr. Swanson replied that the price of an urban fishing license is \$16.00 per year, resident or nonresident of Arizona. He added that in 2007, all fishing and hunting license fees will be going up and the urban fishing license will be \$18.50.

In response to inquiries by Chair Loper, Ms. Clark responded that the Agreement had been changed to four years to add stability and consistency to the Program. The price increases are due to economic factors in the marketplace. The cost of delivering the fish is mainly dependent upon gas prices; many of the fish come from out of state. The 20 percent increase will start at the second year and remain at that level for the duration of the Agreement. The prices are set, not negotiated; are extended to the cities of Arizona; and are reasonable for the services.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner King, Ms. Clark responded that the City of Scottsdale is currently paying Arizona Game and Fish Department \$7,600/year. The new Agreement for the next fiscal year will be \$8,600 and will increase to \$9,400/year for each of the remaining three years.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Clark responded that this Agreement was specific to Chaparral Lake, but she would explore opportunities for McKellips Lake, depending on a water quality report.

Commissioner Frost opined the Program was a bargain for the City of Scottsdale. There was general agreement.

COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO RENEW THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE URBAN FISHING PROGRAM WITH ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

5. SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE/CITY "MASTER" AGREEMENT

Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director, will be proposing to enter into an agreement with Scottsdale Healthcare to enhance health and wellness services to the community through collaborative programs.

Ms. Weiss stated that staff had been working with Scottsdale Healthcare (SHC) for quite some time to enter into this Agreement. She gave a slide presentation.

- Why enter into this agreement? Statistics and trends were given on childhood obesity, juvenile diabetes, and general unhealthiness of the population. Parks and recreation departments across the nation have taken the lead in providing positive leisure activity. Since there is a collaborative effort between Scottsdale Healthcare and the City on numerous activities and events, it seems prudent to have a Master Agreement.

- Responsibilities
 - ♦ The City will provide facilities; recreation experience and expertise, and assistance; collaborate on marketing material; provide access to participants for data gathering with confidentiality permissions; waive facility-use fees. Both parties will pay out-of-pockets costs.
 - ♦ SHC will provide health and medical expertise; be responsible for involving citizens in information gathering for medical statistics; collaborate on marketing material; obtain all appropriate legal permissions regarding confidentiality.
- Commission approval of the Agreement is recommended by staff.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Ms. Weiss explained that the entities will meet on a quarterly basis to jointly plan programs.

In response to inquiries by Commissioner King, Ms. Weiss responded that this Agreement is consistent with other nonprofit organization agreements, is modeled after the agreement with Scottsdale School District, and is nonexclusive. She provided examples of out-of-pocket expenses.

COMMISSIONER KING MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCOTTSDALE HEALTHCARE/CITY MASTER AGREEMENT, AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER FROST SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

6. UPDATE ON SUMMER 2006 - PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Liz Hildenbrand, Senior Recreation Coordinator and staff will present a summary of our summer programs and events.

Ms. Hildenbrand introduced her staff; each provided a presentation.

Mr. Lescoe briefed the group on the Summer Blast Off Program, which is presented to the parents before summer begins. Recreation programs conducted at various schools include:

- Rise and Shine.
- Afternoon Adventures.
- Total Recreation Enrichment.
- Endless Summer.

Sports programs are also conducted wherein a child may choose a particular sport in which to participate.

Ms. Thompson gave an overview of the aquatics programs. Programs include:

- Beginning and advanced diving lessons.
- Learn to swim.
- Water safety.
- Ache Away for those with arthritis or other physical challenges.
- Adult fitness swim.
- Adult learn to swim.
- Shallow-water exercise.

- Deep-water exercise.
- Tone Tai Chi, which is popular with older adults.

Ms. Erickson highlighted summer events, which include:

- Wet & Wild Water Day.
- Swim program with Scottsdale Healthcare.
- July 4th patriotic events.
- Summer Olympics.
- City championships.
- 31st annual Mighty Mud Mania.

Ms. Hildenbrand presented an overview of summer classes. The leisure education classes increased its focus on children who were either too young for the summer recreation program or those who did not want to participate for an entire day. Some new programs were introduced. The Wiggles and Giggles Program introduced yoga and flexibility exercises to children in a musical environment. Children aged 3-7, along with a parent or caregiver, participated in a program entitled, A Time for Slime, which included slimy, gooey mediums. It was very well received.

Ms. Hildenbrand informed the group that participant numbers were up, but revenue numbers were down slightly. This was partially due to reducing some fees to make costs more reason-able for parents whose children attended programs for the entire summer. In addition, one less swimming session was offered, which is a big revenue generator. This was due to the school calendar, which had a reduced summer vacation.

Ms. Hildenbrand opined that one of the biggest benefits of the programs is the development of meaningful relationships between the participants and the program leaders. As a result, some of the participants later become youth program leaders.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Mr. Lescoe confirmed that the summer recreation programs were of educational and social value to the participants and families.

Ms. Weiss recognized Mr. Dan Miller, producer of the DVD, and thanked the staff for their time and effort in practicing for and giving the presentation to the Commission.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))

Judy Weiss, Parks and Recreation Director, and William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, will update the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.

Ms. Weiss updated the Commission on the following projects that were not included in the written staff report previously provided.

- Grayhawk Community Park Phase I. A second neighborhood meeting was held September 19, 2006. Approximately fifty people attended. The designer is Olson Associates and a contractor should be hired by next week. There will be a construction management at-risk delivery method for this facility. The Master Plan

amendment is in process. The Master Plan was completed in 1999 and it is the last park in the City's Master Plan with lighted ball fields. Another neighborhood meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2006. After that meeting, a presentation will be given to the Commission by the designer and contractor to start the Municipal Master Site Plan amendment process. Construction will begin after City Council's approval.

- Mescal Park. The lights for the arena are still in process. The construction drawings should be ready within the next two weeks. Permits will be obtained; then bids for the materials will be accepted. The lights should be installed by December or January.
- Chaparral Park. The extension is continuing. The water treatment plant contractor is still cleaning up, but some work is being done on the xeriscape.
- There is new or upgraded sports lighting at McDowell Mountain Ranch, Cocopah Middle School, Eldorado Park, Indian School Park, and Supai Middle School.
- Granite Reef Senior Center opened several weeks ago. It is a LEED-certified building, has art displays, is high tech, and very well done.
- McDowell Mountain Ranch Park. The parking lot is completed; some landscaping has been completed; the skate park and concession area is under construction; the lazy river is ready to be plastered; the competition pool is almost completed; and, the public art piece has been started.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Weiss responded that the original completion date for McDowell Mountain Ranch Park was the beginning of May 2006. There were some approved extensions, but liquidated damages have been assessed starting with July 2006. There are construction labor shortages and it is impacting every Parks and Recreation Department project.

Ms. Weiss stated that an opening date is unknown.

The APRA conference was held the last week of August. Commissioner Frost was there for the Boards and Commissions Day and sat with Ms. Weiss on a *Directors' Hot Topics* Panel that had to do with citizen boards and advocacy.

On September 26, 2006, the City Council will appoint new Commissioners.

The next Commission meeting will be October 4, 2006.

Mr. Murphy thanked Chair Loper and Commissioner Frost for attending the grand opening of the CAP Basin on August 26, with 500 people attending.

Mr. Murphy reported on the following:

- The CIP portion at Eldorado Park had been completed.
- Renovation work has been completed at Chaparral Park on quad ballfields prior to adult league starting.

- In the downtown area, in cooperation with the Street Operations staff, alley cleanup has been completed; change-out of flowers will occur soon; overseeding will occur at the Civic Center Mall on October 2.
- The Indian School fields will be overseeded beginning November 6.
- The Giants phase II construction, is near completion. There is a full slate of events at the stadium, including Arizona Fall League and the Men's Senior Baseball Championships—both starting in October.
- A workshop hosted by Neighborhood Services, Water Conservation, and the Parks and Grounds Management Division, will be held September 28, 2006; Paiute Neighborhood Center, building #9. This workshop will target residents in the southern part of the City who were hit very hard by the monsoons.

Commissioner King noted that the City Council had authorized acquisition of Villa Monterey for a park. He requested that a presentation be made on this project in the future.

Mr. Murphy responded the development of the park will go through a regular, design process review by the Commission. The park will be passive—no lights other than on walkways.

Chair Loper requested an update on the agreement with Little League Baseball, Scottsdale School District, and the City to renovate the ball fields.

Mr. Murphy responded that his department had been working closely with the School District. Renovation work was done at Pima School, adding a new field; a new meter to increase water pressure at Cheyenne School was installed; top dressing and grading was done at Cochise School. All ten sites in the agreement received attention and were maintained during the summer, including aerating and fertilizing.

Ms. Weiss clarified that this was an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Scottsdale and the Scottsdale School District.

In response to an inquiry by Chair Loper, Mr. Murphy responded that the Youth Task Force will meet again this fall and he will provide an update.

8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

Mr. Charles Blum, 8719 East Citrus Way, stated he had been a resident of Scottsdale for 30 years and is active in youth soccer at Mountain View Park. He has been treated for skin cancer and has been advised to stay out of the sun. He questioned why he is not allowed to use the shady part of the fields on the east side since it is a City park.

Mr. Scott Graham, 10651 East San Salvador, Treasurer of ASUSC Scottsdale Soccer, noted concerns related to the above-stated issue. The League has over 2,000 players; hundreds of youth play soccer on the fields at the Mountain View Park side of the Cochise Mountain View Complex; and, they are ready to start their 24th season using Scottsdale facilities. Once again, parents, players, and coaches will be restricted from using the east portion of three fields utilized by over 400 players. This portion is shaded and closest to the neighbors. He opined that this was an unfair restriction and not backed up by any kind of law or municipal code or executive order by any elected official. It puts an undue amount of stress on the field marshals and youth referees, who are in charge of policing this restriction.

Mr. Graham requested that this restriction be removed. If this is not possible, Mr. Graham requested that the City provide a written document, preferably from an elected official, stating that the League is prohibited from using the eastern portion of subject fields. He stated that all involved persons do not know why this restriction is in place and want to know why.

In response to an inquiry by Chair Loper, Mr. Graham responded that it was the east side of the east fields that have this restriction.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no need for an executive session, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc.